

Post Implementation Evaluation Report

Tablet PCs for First-Year Medical Students – University of Kansas Medical Center

Project Dates: 1/2006 through 8/2006

Project Cost: \$449,347

Project Objectives

The School's new curriculum, which incorporates extensive use of new technologies, will be implemented with the arrival of the Class of 2010. This curriculum has been under development for more than two years and incorporates a number of innovations in how instructors deliver information (fewer large-group lectures and presentations; more small-group problem-based learning experiences); in how students locate, access, and use information; and in the closer integration and coordination of students' scientific training with their clinical experiences. The tablet PC is an integral part of the implementation of this curriculum. Early adoption and training in use of mobile information devices is critical to the preparation of physicians to function effectively in the increasingly networked healthcare environment. Furthermore, the use of mobile computers stimulates and supports the development of the adult, self-directed learning and evaluation skills that are critical to the maintenance of professional competence. Finally, the use of mobile technologies facilitates the creation of interdisciplinary, virtual learning communities within and among the Schools of Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health.